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STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY MAC CAULEY

“Although we are normally prohibited from acknowledging whether or not there is an ongoing criminal investigation, there are exceptions to this policy such as when the community needs to be reassured that the appropriate law enforcement agency is investigating a matter. As the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, I hereby acknowledge that Federal law enforcement does have an active and ongoing investigation into the conduct and activities of University of South Florida Professor Sami Al-Arian.”